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Idaho Cattle on Feed Up Five Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on October 1, 2009 totaled 205,000 head, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The cattle on feed inventory was up 5 percent from previous month and October 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in feedlots in Idaho with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 53,000 head, down 4,000 head from September 2008 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during September totaled 42,000 head, up 1,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 during September 2009.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent above October 1, 2008. The inventory included 6.42 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.01 million head, up 4 percent from 2008. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.39 million, 5 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.34 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 490,000, 600-699 pounds were 450,000, 700-799 pounds were 593,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 855,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.75 million, 4 percent below 2008. This is the third lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 47,000 during September, 8 percent below 2008.

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